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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1154

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 4, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Corporal Punishment in Schools.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Orentlicher

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill prohibits the use of corporal punishment on public school students. The bill allows the use of reasonable and necessary force in certain situations.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* Schools would have to find alternatives to corporal punishment. A violation of the bill's provision could result in more disciplinary hearings. School corporations and personnel violating the bill could face civil actions from parents. Under current law, judicial review of a school corporation governing body is limited to whether the governing body acted without following the discipline procedures allowed by law. If civil actions were to occur as a result of the bill, school corporations would require the services of an attorney and possibly payment of any judgments ruled against the school.

Background: Based on survey data collected and reported by various entities, approximately 1,600 Indiana students were subjected to corporal punishment during school year 2002-2003. National trends indicate that fewer students are subjected to corporal punishment with each subsequent year. Only 21 states allow the use of corporal punishment in schools.

Grade K-6 public enrollment was approximately 545,880 in school year 2002-2003. Based on the survey data

provided above, about 0.2% of Indiana public school students enrolled in Grades K-6 may have been subjected to corporal punishment in school year 2002-2003.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: School corporations with a discipline policy that allows the use of corporal punishment.

Information Sources: DOE SAS and ORACLE DATABASES; US Department of Education; Center for Effective Discipline.

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